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Subject: deceptive, Koch Brothers/ALEC-tainted energy bill (HB589)

I agree with NC WARN and strongly urge you to **veto HB 589** due to its detrimental impacts on North Carolina's once-growing clean energy sector and overall economy. Not only would the bill drive away large, job- and revenue-producing wind energy projects, it would do the same for rooftop solar across the state.

The national anti-clean energy strategy is quite obvious with the deceptive HB 589. The attack on wind in North Carolina is led by Sen. Harry Brown, a recipient of Koch Industries' money (as shown by his NC Board of Election reports), who strangely persists with his claim that he must protect military activities from wind farms even though the military insists wind projects are not a threat.

The key selling point, "HB 589 will open up rooftop solar leasing," is deceptive and hollow, but the bill's backroom proponents have used it successfully to mask the damage to the rooftop solar industry. Unlimited solar leasing is already allowed under state law; HB 589 would actually put a cap on it. Moreover, leasing has not proven to be an effective model for solar companies or customers in this state. A similar practice that does work for many of the rooftop installers and the customers they serve is **third-party sales**, which would be killed by HB 589.

Worst of all, the bill would allow Duke Energy to attack rooftop solar by adding more fees on customers and lowering net metering payments. Despite the corporate propaganda against net metering, every new solar panel benefits all customers by offsetting the persistent Duke argument that it must keep building more fracked gas-fired power plants.

Perhaps you can appeal to lawmakers of both parties to agree that North Carolinians deserve a participatory state policy-making, not backroom deals followed by deceptive publicity driven by fossil fuel corporations seeking to enhance profits at the expense of public health, the climate and our state's economy.

Thank you for your consideration.
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